

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**  
**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Ingrid Bynum	Kate Garvey(Virtual)	Amanda Hazelwood	J-Lynn Van Pelt
Catherine Clinger	Councilwoman Aliya Gaskins	Kurt Huffman	
Jessy Cuddy	Angela Green	Mike Mackey	
Rose Dawson	Jacinta Greene	Zahra Rahimi	
Laura Durham	Katie Greenway	Christine Raino	
Jay Falk	Kate Harbor	Christina Sherlock	

**Excused Absent**

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley  
J. Glenn Hopkins  
Tammie Ignacio

**Unexcused Absent**

Jenny Rivera  
Nelsa Tientore

**Staff**

Noraine Buttar                      Chelsea Eickert (Virtual)  
Robin Crawley  
Shawn Brown

**Guests**

Allen Lomax    Jervin L.  
Clinton Page    Pablo G.  
Emilia G.        Zaykh S.

**WELCOME**

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) Chair, Jessy Cuddy welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed appreciation for everyone’s participation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair invited members of the public to make any comments. None were made.

**PRESENTATION ON DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS**

Dr. Clinton Page, Chief of Accountability and Research in the Department of Accountability at Alexandria City Public Schools, and Allen Lomax, Chair of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria and of the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria, delivered a presentation “Understanding and Applying SY 2022 Developmental Assets Data.” The presentation included trends of where Alexandria is seeing the largest gains and declines in assets, and overall highest and lowest assets reported among youth. Next steps from ACPS and the City of Alexandria were also shared. After the presentation Ivy Stevens, Alexandria City High School Student, unveiled their artwork, “Seen but not heard” which represented their feelings about the Developmental Assets Data. They also shared their ideas around how students could be better supported in Alexandria.

### **NEW BUSINESS – HOW CYFCC WILL DO OUR WORK**

The Commission can use Google Drive to collaborate without having to post a public meeting to advance the work. More guidelines for working electronically will be shared with Commission in October. The October meeting will also incorporate other feedback that emerged from the CYFCC Retreat in June, including the use of small group discussions and ice breakers.

### **NEW BUSINESS – FINALIZE LETTER TO SCHOOL BOARD AND DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

The Commission reviewed, discussed, and revised a letter drafted by the Commission addressed to the Members of the Alexandria City School Board with recommendations for the upcoming search for the next Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent. A motion to approve the letter after incorporating recommended revisions was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS – POLICY AND BUDGET LETTERS**

The Chair provided draft policy and budget letters with questions. Goal groups are encouraged to review these letters and update the information so the letters can be submitted in a timely manner to City Council and the School Board based on their respective budget session schedules.

### **GOAL GROUP CHARGE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Chair provided directives for when the Goal Groups met. Members were encouraged to use the CYFCC FY23 Planning Document to guide their discussions and planning. They were also asked to decide on dates and locations of future Goal Group Meetings and to assign a Goal Group Leader and Notetaker. Whoever is assigned to lead is invited to attend the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS: WHAT DID WE FORGET?**

Commissioners were invited to share final comments, ideas, and feedback before closing. They discussed the upcoming legislative season and the forms to use when developing an advocacy packet.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.